Ramnagar Atul Vidyalaya (H.S.)
Madhyamik Test Examination-2022

Class-X   F.M. - 90
Subject - ENGLISH   Time - 3 hrs.15 Mints

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<u>Section - A</u>
<u>Reading comprehension   (Seen)</u>

1. **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

When the family has finished tea, and gathers round the fire, the cat casually goes out of the room. True life now begins for him. He saunters down his own backyard,springs to the top of the fence, drops lightly down to the other side. He trots across and skips to the roof of an empty shed. His movement becomes lithe and pantherlike. He looks keenly from side to side and moves noiselessly, for he has so many enemies - dogs and small boys with stones.

On top of the shed, the cat arches his back and rakes his claws once or twice through the soft bark of the old roof. He stretches himself a few times to see if every muscle is in full working order. Then, drooping his head nearly to his paws, he sends across a call to his kindred. Before long they come, gliding, graceful shadows. No longer are they the meek creatures who an hour ago were mewing for fish and milk. They are now grim fighters.

Just think how much more he gets out of his life then you do out of yours! And the sports they have, too! As they get older they go in for sport to the suburban backyards. These backyards that are dull to us, are to them hunting grounds where they have more gallant adventure than King Arthur's knights ever had.

A. **Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :**   1×5=5

  (i)   True life of the cat begins _____
         (a) before tea (b) after tea (c) at the time of tea (d) after dinner.

  (ii)   The cat moves noiselessly in fear of danger from_____
         (a) foes (b) friends c) cars (d) panthers.

  (iii) The cat calls to _____
         (a) enemies (b) friends (c) sons (d) knights.

  (iv)   People think mewing cats as_____
         (a) meek (b) grim fighters (c) pantherlike (d) knights

  (v)   The cat sports _____
         (a) on tea table (b) at the backyard (c) round the fire (d) on the roof.

B. **Complete the following sentences with information from the text :**   1×3=3

  (i)   When the cat calls his kindred _____
         _____

  (ii)   To examine the flexibility of muscle the cat _____
         _____

  (iii) The cat uses the dull backyard for both _____
         _____

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C. **State whether the following statements are true or false. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Provide sentences / phrases / words in support of your answer.** 2×2=4

(i) A cat is more adventurous than the knights

☐

Supporting Sentence :

(ii) Small boys and cats are friends

☐

Supporting Sentence :

2. **Read the poem and answer the following questions that follow :**

They said : 'We are the oak-trees and your own true family.
We are chopped down, we are torn up, you do not blink an eye.
Unless you make a promise now—now you are going to die.'
'Whenever you see an oak-tree felled, swear now you will plant two.
Unless you swear the black oak bark will wrinkle over you
And root you among the oaks where you were born but never grew.'
This was my dream beneath the boughs, the dream that altered me.
When I came out of the oakwood, back to human company,
My walk was the walk of a human child, but my heart was a tree.

A. **Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :** 1×4=4

(i) If the poet does not keep promise he would _____
(a) dream (b) die (c) alter (d) sleep

(ii) The poet's own true family is _____
(a) oak tree (b) peepul tree (c) Jamun tree (d) Stag.

(iii) According to the poem, the poet was born in _____
(a) his family (b) hospital (c) Oak wood (d) human society.

(vi) All the facts appear in a _____
(a) vision (b) play (c) forest (d) real world.

B. **Answer the following questions :** 2×2=4

(i) What would the poet swear?

Ans :

(ii) How did the dream alter the poet?

Ans :

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Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. **Read the following passage and answer the question that follow :**

New Delhi : Road crashes in India claimed 426 lives per day or 18 every hour, which is the highest ever in any calendar year, reports Dipak Dash. At close to 1.56 lakh road fatalities recorded during the last year, it surpassed the number of people killed during the prepandemic year of 2019, indicating how reducing road deaths remains a big challenge.

While the rising number of road fatalities is a big concern, the data released by the National Crime Records Bureau has pointed to a worrying trend of the consistent increase in the share of two-wheeler occupant and pedestrian deaths in the country in recent years. The data show that out of every 100 people killed in road crashes, at least 44 were two-wheeler occupants. Their overall number stood at 69,240, an increase of 18% more than 2019, Tamil Nadu alone had nearly 12% share of the all two-wheeler deaths, followed by U.P. (10%).

A comparative analysis of last four years data shows that the share of two-wheeler occupants' death has increased from 35.7% in 2018 to 44.5% in 2021. The spike has been recorded despite the share of two-wheelers in total vehicular population remaining almost unchanged at 73-75% since 2014. Two-wheelers still remain the most preferred and affordable mode for transport across urban and rural areas. Two-wheelers have no feature to protect occupants except for enforcement of rules to wear helmets.

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A. **Tick (√) The right answer :**   1×6=6

(i)   Road death in present year is — that of the previous years.
      (a) more than☐ (b) less than☐ (c) same as☐ (d) almost the same as☐.

(ii) Share of two wheelers in total vehicular population since 2014 is —
      (a) increasing☐   (b) almost same☐ (c) lessening☐ (d) not recorded☐

(iii) The highest two wheeler death is recorded in —
      (a) West Bengal☐ (b) Uttar Pradesh☐   (c) Tamil Nadu☐   (d) Tripura☐

(iv) It is claimed that 18 deaths in road accident occur in —
      (a) a day☐ (b) a month☐ (c) an hour ☐ (d) a year☐

(v)   The report has been made — (a) before pandemic☐ (b) after pandemic☐
      (c) in the pandemic period☐ (d) long before the pandemic period☐.

(vi) From 2018 to 2021 accidental death of two wheelers has been increased by
      (a) 7.7%☐ (b) 8.8%☐ (c) 8.7%☐ (d) 7.8%☐

B. **Each of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answers.**   (1+1)×3=6

(i)   426 people were killed in road accidents last year.   ☐
      Supporting Statement :

(ii)   Recording authority is worried over the increasing road accident. ☐
         Supporting Statement :

(iii)   Two wheeler is still very costly mode of transport. ☐
         Supporting Statement :

C.   **Answer the following questions :**   2×4=8
     (i)   How can two-wheeler occupants be protected?
     Ans :

     (ii)   Why is NCRB worried?
     Ans :

     (iii)   Which states share the most of the two wheeler road accidents?
     Ans :

     (iv)   What is the big challenge to the authority?
     Ans :

Section - B Grammar and Vocabulary

4.   Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks :   1×3=3
     I was simply_____(make/made/making) my fingers go in monkey like
     imitation. In the days that followed, I_____ (learn / learned / learning)
     to _____ (spelt/spelling/spell) in this uncomprehending way a great
     many words.

5.   Do as directed :

A.   Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :   1×3=3

     Man started to believe_____ superstitions when he failed to explain _____
     forces_____nature which influences and affect him.

B.   1×3=3

(i)   I had never seen her before. (Change the voice)

Ans :

(ii)   "The cat stuck his claws into me!"said the guest. (Change into indirect speech)

Ans :

(iii)   Most people think that cat is an unintelligent annimal. (Split into two simple
        sentences)

Ans :

**C.   Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words
       underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side
       changing the form where necessary. There is one extra Phrasal verb in the list.**

                                                                         1×3=3

(i)   My grandfather suddenly <u>shouted</u> in his sleep.

(ii)   The criminal <u>surrendered</u> at last.

(iii)   One must learn to <u>compensate</u> his loss.

                    <u>List :</u> look into, call out, make up, give in

**6.   Given below are the meaning of four words which you will find in the passage
       in Question No.3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes
       on the right-hand side.**   2×4=8

(i)   Harmonious

(ii)   Walker

(iii)   Reasonably cheap

(iv)   Enact by force

Section - C   (Writing)

7. **Write a newspaper report (in about 100 words) on the incident of a devastating fire that broke out in a market in your area. You may use the folloing points :**
Out lines : Date, time and place — cause of the fire — causalties — measures taken — police investingation.   10

Ans :

8. Write a paragraph on how 'potato chips' are prepared in a factory (in one hundred words). **10**

Potatoes collected — sorted — cleaned — sliced — salt and spices added — fried — packed for market.

Ans :

9. **Write a letter to the editor of an English daily about the bad effects of plastic carry bags on environment.** **10**

Ans :